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# OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

IN CHARGE OF  
MARY E. THORNTON



## THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NURSES

THE committee of five representing the federation of our two societies, viz.: the Associated Alumnae and the Society of Superintendents, have asked Miss Nutting, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, to accept the presidency of the federation and she has consented.

In February, 1902, beginning on the 19th, the triennial meeting of the National Council of Women will be held in Washington—the first one since our admission. We will be represented at this triennial by our president and Miss Linda Richards, who will be privileged to vote on motions, but any nurse who is a member of the federation may attend the sessions.

We have the right to present two resolutions, and have been called on to make suggestions for the programme. The federation has been asked to appoint a representative nurse upon a committee whose duty it shall be to bring the National Council of America into closer relations with international movements. This nurse's duties will be: to be watchful of any changes in the public mind towards the department of work which she represents (the entire work of nursing); to note any practical manifestation of such changes, either in the establishment of an institution or the organization of a new society, the modification of an existing law (or, in our case, the establishment of law), or in public expression by speech or writing; also to keep herself informed of the progress of thought in foreign countries upon the subject. A month before the Annual Executive she will send a memorandum containing the result of her observation and studies to Mrs. May Wright Sewall.

This important and interesting work has been taken up by Miss Sophia Palmer.

We have also been asked to appoint a nurse who would assist in promoting a general demonstration in favor of arbitration and universal peace, to be held next May in all the civilized nations simultaneously. Mrs. Sewall is also the chairman of this movement.

The pin of the National Council of Women may be worn by any affiliated nurse, and may be ordered from Kate Waller Barrett, M.D., the corresponding secretary of the council, at 218 Third Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The pin comes in two grades, one of rolled gold for seventy-five cents and one of solid gold for one dollar and twenty-five cents, and is of beautiful design.

As we are now beginning to take an active place in the council, and shall thus be in relation with women all over the world who stand for progress and a general uplifting, it is ardently to be hoped that all of our members who have time will interest themselves individually in this affiliation, inform themselves as to what women are doing, and educate themselves to hold intelligent opinions on the constantly arising questions which will be brought before us.

L. L. Dock,  
Secretary.

## AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM the complete report on the special course in hospital economics read by Mrs. Robb at the Buffalo meeting further items are presented as follows:

"An unexpected privilege was given the class last winter by the president and secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Polyclinic Hospital in Philadelphia, who offered to pay the expenses of the class to Philadelphia to visit institutions in that city. This most generous offer was accepted, and the class spent a profitable day in studying methods there. . . .

"It was resolved that hereafter candidates shall be required to complete the prescribed term of four-months' private duty before taking the college course."

A gift of two hundred dollars was received from Mrs. Whitelaw Reid through Miss Maxwell. A member of the Superintendents' Society gave one hundred dollars, and a number have given ten dollars each. The alumnae of the Illinois Training-School gave one hundred dollars. The gifts from the Johns Hopkins Alumnae have been mentioned,—in all, from the society and individual members, two hundred dollars.

The report says: "Students should understand that the course is in no sense intended as a post-graduate course in practical nursing, and that it does not supply anything in the way of teaching in the practical branches, but that it is an advanced course for such trained nurses as are already experts in all branches of practical nursing and who can give proof of this adequate training, of maturity of mind, of capacity for advanced work, and of earnestness of purpose. . . . In the Teacher's College are to be found the means for giving instruction and drill in the best methods of presenting and teaching a subject, also the means for teaching the principles of domestic science, sanitation, ventilation, and kindred subjects with which a hospital administrator should be conversant, but that in regard to hospital administration there is but one way to teach it properly, and that is by service in hospital under proper supervision and instruction. . . ."

L. L. DOCK,  
Secretary.

## NEW JERSEY STATE MEETING

A MEETING for State organization of nurses was held at Newark, N. J., December 4. One hundred and seventy-five nurses responded to the call of the committee.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Bertha J. Gardner, chairman of the committee, who retained the chair during the meeting. Miss Isabel Macdonald was elected secretary and treasurer pro tem.

Miss Dock, of New York, addressed the meeting, advocating in her address membership by representation from all organized bodies of nurses; allowing the individual nurses in remote districts to join as such until there should be a sufficient number to form a local association, when they would then be represented by delegate.

Miss Nye, of Buffalo, president of the New York State Association of Nurses, favored organization on an individual basis. Both sides of the question which is puzzling New York State having been presented, an interesting discussion followed. The question was not settled, and the work of organization was taken up.

Mrs. Peterson, superintendent of nurses at the Bayonne Hospital, N. J., made the motion that "We do organize a State Nurses' Association to-day, and that

those present be made charter members by the payment of one dollar at the signing of the constitution." The motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved and seconded that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair to draw up a constitution. The following committee was appointed:

Miss Anderson, Orange Memorial Hospital; Miss Forbes, St. Barnabas Hospital; Miss Horn, City Hospital, Newark; Mrs. O'Neil, Paterson General Hospital; Miss Bourke, Cooper Hospital; Miss Stout, Mercer Hospital; Miss Connington, Elizabeth General Hospital.

The chairman of the committee read the following report, which was accepted and approved:

"This association shall be known as the New Jersey State Nurses' Association. The objects of this association shall be legislation and the registration of nurses, the advancement of all interests that appertain to the betterment of the nursing profession, also a professional reciprocity between the nurses of New Jersey and of other States and countries."

A Nominating Committee was appointed by the chair. Two nominations were made for each office and the following officers were elected by ballot: President, Miss Fallon, Cooper Hospital, Camden; first vice-president, Miss Cameron, Elizabeth General Hospital; second vice-president, Miss Brückner, German Hospital, Newark; secretary, Miss Fahringer, Cooper Hospital, Camden; treasurer, Miss Galatian, St. Barnabas, Newark.

A Committee on Incorporation was appointed by the chair. After receiving an invitation to hold the next meeting in Camden, the association adjourned.

Ninety-eight members were enrolled, representing fifteen different hospitals.

E. FAHRINGER,  
Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE CLASS IN HOSPITAL ECONOMICS, TEACHER'S COLLEGE,  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY, FOR THE MONTH OF  
OCTOBER, 1901

"OCTOBER 4 and 5, 1901, the following-named students registered: Miss Ada Beazley, from the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Flora Theodora Bohn, from St. Mark's Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Miss Susan Joanna Fisher, from the New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.; Miss Harriet Forbes, from Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Miss Florence Margaret Frazer, from the Cincinnati Hospital, Cincinnati, O.; Miss Elizabeth Conele Glen, from Illinois Training-School, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Harriet Merrit Johnson, from Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Miss Kathryn Vogelsang, from Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"The studies registered followed closely the course outlined in the circular, the main point of difference being that of a course in applied anatomy by Dr. Wood, elected instead of D. S. 4 of the outline. This new course is being adapted to the needs of the class. A large and valuable stock of material in the way of skeleton manikins, text-books, etc., is accessible to the students. The idea aimed at in this work is to so familiarize the student with the full equipment for training-school instruction by means of study-discussion and demonstration that she will be prepared to fully utilize such equipment as she may find in any school to which she may go, may be able to supplement such equipment, and also to apply this knowledge practically in the better care of the individual patient.

October 7 the college work began after the form of the regular schedule. The students entered upon their course with great interest and earnestness of purpose.

"Three excursions have been made. Places visited were St. Luke's Hospital, Walker Gordon Milk Laboratory, and The Charity Organization Society. At the laboratory the modified milk process was thoroughly explained and demonstrated.

"Mr. Devine gave the class a very interesting talk on the work of the Charity Organization Society.

"The chairman of the committee, Miss Banfield, met the class and carefully reviewed the course of study.

"Gifts of money during the month were from Diana C. Kimber, one hundred dollars, and through Miss Allerton, one hundred dollars. Small sums specified for the endowment fund from unknown contributors amounted to fourteen dollars.

"The close of the month gives no new developments. Work is very satisfactory and the students are thoroughly enjoying it.

"Respectfully submitted,

"ANNA L. ALLINE."

The course in hospital economics at Teacher's College, Columbia University, carried on under the supervision of a committee of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools, promises to prove of increasing benefit to the students as time and experience enable us to utilize to greater advantage the opportunities for improving and broadening our minds which meet us at every corner.

The students (eight) whose names are given in Miss Alline's report are not only contented, but enthusiastic in their work. The curriculum this year has been extended and improved.

Judging from the inquiries which reach us from time to time, it is perhaps not inexpedient to reiterate that this is in no sense a post-graduate *hospital* course, the classes, with the exception of Hospital Economics 1 and 2, being all regular collegiate courses. This year, at the suggestion of Dean Russell, a new course has been added,—that of applied anatomy, given by Dr. Wood, at which the members of the hospital class are so far the only students. This enables Dr. Wood to adapt his instruction more especially to their needs, and also enables this class to be used by the students for practice in teaching.

The domestic science department is unusually thorough and complete, and any nurse who wishes to devote herself to the duties of teacher and dietician in a hospital finds here unusually good opportunities for fitting herself for this important position. As part of these studies are elective, however, it is advisable she should make up her mind on entering in which particular branch she most wishes to improve herself.

The student whose tastes lean more towards sociologic problems, and who wishes to study the organization and scope of various charitable organizations which she may find of use to her as superintendent of a hospital, may also obtain unexampled facilities here, and time set aside for "field work," as it is called. It would appear to be a very good sign that the students this year are availing themselves of so many of the opportunities which are kindly offered them by friends of this pioneer movement to learn how others live and how best to help them—not always an easy task. Hospital workers often live under such immediate pressure of work that they are not able to fully acquaint themselves with the work of the various charitable organizations, which would often be of use to

their patients. Through the thoughtfulness of Miss Wald a course of lectures on sanitary inspection of tenements and buildings, given by Mr. Wingate, a well-known sanitary engineer, is open to our students. They also attended some of the meetings of the State Charities Convention held in New York City in November, and are taking an active interest in the work of the Charity Organization Society.

It is to be remembered that in affording facilities to women who are capable of holding responsible positions in hospitals, in broadening their minds, teaching them to teach others, to avail themselves of the work of others, the good work does not end with the women themselves, but the sick and the well, the poor and the rich, in ever-widening circles, will be benefited by the wider knowledge and experience gained. Money is needed, however. The expenses of the past year were met in part by contributions from many individual superintendents of training-schools. The lecturers on hospital economics also aid by giving their services free, only receiving their travelling expenses; their time is often given at great personal inconvenience. For this coming year we need seven hundred and fifty dollars. Of this a little over four hundred dollars has so far been subscribed. With the exception of a hundred dollars received through Miss Allerton and a hundred dollars most kindly sent us by Miss Diana Kimber from England, this has all been subscribed by nurses' *alumnae* associations or by individual nurses and superintendents. A student of last year's course has also most generously given one hundred dollars towards the endowment fund. This shows that nurses themselves appreciate the necessity of this course and are willing to do their utmost to help. The Board of Examiners (who are all members of the Society of American Superintendents of Training-Schools) are anxious that all available money shall be placed to the credit of the endowment fund, but current expenses must first be paid. A separate account has been opened for this endowment fund in one of the oldest and best established savings-banks of the city, and one hundred and fourteen dollars stands to our credit. We need fifty thousand dollars.

The members of the Board of Examiners for College Course, Columbia University, for 1901-02 are Mrs. Robb, Nottingham, O.; Miss Davis, Boston Insane Hospital, Dorchester, Mass.; Miss Richards, Taunton Hospital for Insane, Taunton, Mass.; Miss Maxwell, Presbyterian Hospital, New York City; Miss McIsaac, Illinois Training-School, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Nevins, Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Miss Sutcliffe, New York Hospital, West Sixteenth Street, New York City; Miss Allerton, Rochester Homeopathic Hospital, Rochester, N. Y.; Miss Nutting, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Banfield (chairman), Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia.

Checks should be made payable to Maud Banfield, chairman, Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, or to Anna L. Alline, treasurer, 402 West One-hundred-and-Twenty-fourth Street, New York City.

MAUD BANFIELD,  
Chairman.

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ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ STUDY COURSE, NEW YORK

THE *Alumnae* Associations of Bellevue, New York, Post-Graduate, Roosevelt, Presbyterian, and St. Luke's are following a very attractive and interesting programme on Wednesdays during January, February, and March; Mrs. Runkle, on "Current Topics;" Mr. Robert Ely, on "Sociology," and Mrs. von Wagner, of Yonkers, on "Sanitary Inspection," will be heard during the course. Interesting

features of the programme will be a visit to the Vaccine Laboratory of the Health Board of New York, a tour with the City History Club, and a Kaffee Klatsch. The plan of the committee, originally, was to have the lectures upon Friday, but as that was one of the days of the State meeting, at which, of course, all nurses would wish to be, the lecture day was changed to Wednesday. The hour is made half after three, as that is the time the private-duty nurse is least apt to be confined to her duties. The class in parliamentary law too has this hour on Thursdays.

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#### MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL

THE regular monthly meeting of the Alumnæ Association of the Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Training-Schools for Nurses was held at the hospital on December 31, 1901, at two-thirty P.M. The report of the previous meeting was read and accepted. The roll-call showed twenty-six members present. A letter from Miss Blanche M. Thayer was read, expressive of the appreciation of herself and family of the resolutions passed by this society upon the death of her sister, Miss Ada Thayer.

It was then voted that something be done by this alumnæ in the line of study this winter, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for a course in "Parliamentary Law" and another on "Business Methods," the latter to include suggestions as to how nurses may safely invest small sums of money. The following-named are the committee: Miss J. F. Riley, Miss F. Rice, and Miss A. O. Tipet.

Miss E. A. Anderson and Miss Helen Claire were appointed a committee to purchase cups and saucers and teaspoons for use of the alumnæ.

A letter was then read by the president stating that one of our members was ill and away from home seeking to recover her health in a more advantageous climate. It was suggested that the alumnæ send her a New Year's present of twenty-five dollars with a letter expressing our affectionate remembrance and sympathy. The motion to do so was unanimously carried.

The subject of the meeting, namely, "The Personality of the Nurse a Factor of Success," was then taken up. Miss Lilian Morris opened the discussion, and for a half hour the various points touched upon by her were still further considered. Among the points emphasized were dignity, refinement, cheerfulness, a sense of humor, and an appreciation of the necessity of meeting the family of the patient in a kindly, sympathetic manner, and recognizing the fact that theirs is a position often of greater anxiety than that of the patient. Considerable importance was attached to the added dignity and prestige which the hospital uniform, more especially the cap, gives to the nurse, and this part of Miss Morris's remarks drew out much animated discussion. Miss Anderson thought "the sense of humor" a requisite of success which might well be further emphasized.

The meeting adjourned, followed by the usual cup of tea and social half-hour.

#### MISS MORRIS'S PAPER, "THE PERSONALITY OF A NURSE"

"THE personality of any person has, I think, a great deal to do with their success, no matter what their profession, and perhaps with us it is more important than in most cases, because people who are ill are so susceptible to mannerisms and are just in a condition to notice and be annoyed by lack of tact and refinement in little things which in their ordinary state of health would be unnoticed.

"I don't see why the personality of a nurse is not just the personality of an

ideal woman, for certainly nursing is one of the most truly womanly things that we can do. There are so many things which help to make an attractive personality, dignity, repose of manner, refinement, a sense of humor (if possible), an ordinary amount of cheerfulness, and enough strength of mind and reserve force to give people the feeling that we may be relied upon in any emergency.

"There is one point that I feel very strongly about, and that is the uniform. It seems strange to me that so many nurses when they leave the training-school to do private nursing give up wearing their caps, when they add so much to the dignity and neatness of their appearance. I have even met nurses on duty without *cuffs* or cap, and sometimes only a light cotton dress in place of a uniform. I wish something might be done to force nurses to wear their regular uniform if pride in their training-school does not do it. As long as a nurse's standard in the hospitals is judged more by the amount of work she can accomplish in a given number of hours than by the way the work is done or the character of the worker, we can't expect to have our profession composed of ideal women, but there is no doubt that there is more being done now towards elevating the profession than ever before. When we hear nurses complained of in houses where perhaps several have been employed, it is not very often their work that is objected to. I have so often heard it said in regard to this, 'We had nothing to object to in her work. She took excellent care of the patient, but she is not the sort of person I should care to have again.' It seems that in many cases of this sort the nurse must be partly to blame. I believe that too many of us think that if we make ourselves attractive and pleasing to our patients that our duty in that regard ends there, and to the rest of the family we can be as professional and curt as we please. It certainly is very trying to be stopped every time we leave the sick-room by some member of the family and asked question after question so many of which seem senseless to us, but if we could only put ourselves in their place and realize the constant anxiety they feel, which is so much harder to endure from the fact that they can do nothing for the patients and perhaps cannot see them for days, we would patiently and cheerfully answer their questions so far as our profession allows.

"I think a good woman who takes up her work with a true love of her profession and a resolve to be *courteous* to *everyone* will not fail to have an attractive personality."

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#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL, PHILADELPHIA

A STATED meeting of this Alumnae Association was held Thursday, December 12, in the hospital chapel. After the transaction of important business a talk on "Small-pox" was given by Dr. Alice M. Seabrook, directress of the Training-School, and "Personal Experiences in the Care of the Disease" by Miss Edith Harcastle and Miss Lillian Alford.

The association was organized in May, 1900, and has about seventy members. These are scattered from Cuba to Japan, Miss Ito representing it in the latter country.

A motion was made and carried to the effect that the association protest against the so-called training-schools where diplomas are given after a brief course of theoretical work, as the public at large does not discriminate between these and regularly trained nurses.

The officers for the present year are: President, Miss Adeline Müller; first vice-president, Miss Sarah Morris; second vice-president, Edith Wetherill; third



vice-president, Sarah Noble; recording secretary, Miss Lilla Ridout; treasurer, Miss Anna Wetherill.

After discussions the meeting adjourned to meet again in March.

Miss Adeline Müller, a graduate of this school, has been elected superintendent of the Lancaster (Pa.) General Hospital.

Miss Dorothy Ferree, also a graduate of the Methodist, has been elected superintendent of the Bridgeton (N. J.) Hospital.

Misses Gertrude Miller and Anna Hammond, both of the Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, have gone to the Presidio, San Francisco, as army nurses.

Miss Anna Wetherill has resigned her position in Puerto Principe, Cuba, and returned to Philadelphia.

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#### SALEM, MASS.

THE Salem Hospital Alumnae Association met on December 10, 1901, at the home of its treasurer, Miss Symonds. There were fourteen members present. After the usual business, members of Miss Symonds's family entertained the society with music and readings, after which light refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed.

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#### BROOKLYN, N. Y.

THE Brooklyn Hospital Alumnae met at the Training-School, Tuesday, December 7, and was called to order at half-past three by the president, twenty-three members being present.

Miss A. Woglom and Miss K. Madden were proposed for membership and accepted. A letter was read from the King's County Hospital Alumnae Association asking us to join them in a course of study. It was put to vote, and the majority was in favor of joining with them.

A letter from Miss Tweeddale was read asking the members of the association to join them in hearing a lecture to be given by Colonel J. M. Bacon on the subject of "Parliamentary Law" at the Long Island College Hospital Tuesday, January 7, at four P.M.

It was proposed that someone should assist Miss Sturt in Miss Grantham's absence. It was moved and seconded that Miss Soulé should do so.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ALUMNÆ

THE annual meeting was held in the Nurses' Club, 21 North Carey Street, Friday, December 6. The following officers were elected: President (term two years), Miss Venie C. Weitzel; first vice-president, Miss Cora M. Wilson; second vice-president, Miss M. E. Baldwin; secretary and treasurer, Miss Eleanor Mayes; auditor, Miss M. E. Rolph. Miss K. A. Taylor, the present superintendent of nurses, was made an honorary member. It was decided to hold alumnae meetings quarterly instead of semi-annually.

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#### ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL TRAINING-SCHOOL, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

At a meeting of the graduate nurses of St. John's Hospital, May 10, 1901, an alumnae association was formed, its object being "To promote the interests of St. John's Hospital Training-School, to raise the standard of nursing generally,

to cultivate social intercourse among the alumnae, and to establish a fund for the benefit of members of the association who may be ill.

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THE ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF POST-GRADUATE NURSES' CLUB

The following is sent to each member of the Alumnae Association:

*"Please pin this on your mirror."*

POST-GRADUATE HOSPITAL NURSES' CLUB.

"Stated meetings are held at half after three the first Tuesday of the month at the club.

"Dues are payable annually on November 1. Delinquent members are asked to send their fees to the treasurer at once.

"Subscriptions for THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING may be left at the club.

"Copies of the 'Fourth Annual Report of the Associated Alumnae' will shortly be on sale at the club. Price ten cents each.

"Caps and uniform materials, record sheets, and temperature charts suitable for use on private duty may also be procured there.

"Changes of address should be sent the secretary, Miss Florence Colpas, 143 East Thirty-fifth Street.

"An attractive programme for the Study Course of the Associated Alumnae has been arranged, and it is hoped that all the members will take advantage of the opportunities thus afforded them for becoming acquainted with much that is interesting and instructive:

"Wednesday, January 15, at three-thirty P.M., at the Roosevelt Hospital, Mrs. von Wagner on 'Sanitary Inspection.'

"Wednesday, January 22, at three-thirty P.M., at the Academy of Medicine, under the auspices of Bellevue Alumnae, Mr. Robert Ely on 'Sociology.'

"Wednesday, January 29, at three-thirty P.M., at the Presbyterian Hospital, Mr. Robert Ely on 'Sociology.'

"Wednesday, February 5, at three-thirty P.M., at the New York Hospital, 'A Tour with Member of City History Club.'

"Wednesday, February 12, at three-thirty P.M., at St. Luke's Hospital, Mrs. Runkle on 'Current Events.'

"Wednesday, February 19, at three-thirty P.M., at the New York Hospital, Mrs. Runkle on 'Current Events.'

"Wednesday, February 26, at *three o'clock promptly*, at the Vaccine Laboratory of the Health Board of New York, foot of East Sixteenth Street, courtesy of Dr. John H. Huddleston.

"Wednesday, March 5, at three-thirty P.M., at post-graduate Nurses' Club, Kaffee Klatsch.

"MARY E. THORNTON, President."

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NEW ENGLAND HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION

THE monthly meetings were resumed in October, at which meeting our delegate, Miss Richards, gave a full and interesting account of the Nurses' Congress held in Buffalo. At the November meeting a paper written by Dr. Mary Smith (surgeon) on Cæsarian Section was read and illustrated by an exhibition of the specimen (Porro's) by Dr. Burnham, pathologist to the hospital. The meet-

ing held on December 14 was made interesting by a paper on obstetrics by Miss Jamme, superintendent of nurses, which brought out a very interesting discussion.

We have added five new members to our list. Mrs. Emma W. Smith has resigned the office of treasurer and Miss Sarah Beatty has been elected to the office.

Owing to the ill-health of her son, Mrs. Louise Burnaby Verette has gone to Colorado Springs. Miss Delia O'Brien has been elected in her place as assistant secretary.

Miss B. M. Payne has been appointed superintendent of nurses at St. Luke's Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

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#### THE NURSES' SETTLEMENT

THE Nurses' Settlement in New York has just finished a year of interesting and varied work. The nursing staff rose through the year to eighteen, including a hospital third-year pupil and two who give only a part of their time. The number regularly engaged in systematic visiting nursing rose from ten to twelve, the others being in the Country House, the First Aid Rooms, in executive work, and in extra emergencies in the outside work.

Three thousand nine hundred and ninety-one calls for nurses came in during the year, the physicians sending about twenty-two per cent. and the patients' families thirty-three per cent. About twenty per cent. came from a dispensary with which one nurse is connected, and the rest came from miscellaneous sources. Strictly nursing visits made numbered twenty-six thousand six hundred; many visits made for other purposes are not counted. In the three First Aid Rooms twelve thousand six hundred and ninety-four minor dressings were done within the year.

The nursing service is almost entirely acute, and includes a complete variety of medical cases, among which were in the year five hundred and two cases of pneumonia and one hundred and seven of typhoid, the latter having had a light season. There are many cases of burns and accidents and many of scarlet-fever with complications. Diphtheria cases are frequent. At times it is necessary to set one nurse aside for these cases only. Few obstetrical cases are taken, as a special medical service with pupils in training attends to these. There is a small proportion of operative cases, usually currettement.

During the year two hundred and eighty-five patients were taken to hospitals and two hundred and twenty-five convalescents were entertained for varying periods in the Country House. This charming home, the gift of a young married woman of New York, is one of the most satisfactory parts of the work, and calls forth the most heartfelt and affectionate recognition from the patients. The donor supports it on liberal lines, and the nurse in charge conducts it on the happy and unrestrained basis of an unselfish family. A summer camp and excursions for the young people are also features of the Country House.

There are now thirty-five clubs which have grown up one by one as parts of the social life of the settlement, with classes in sewing, kitchen-garden work and housekeeping, basket weaving, cooking, and home nursing. By the kindness of the Children's Aid Society a large building is utilized in the evenings for many purposes, among them gymnasium and dancing classes, of which there are four, all self-supporting.

The new features of the settlement this winter are carpentering classes for

boys, taught by a young graduate of Smith College, who is as good a carpenter as any man, and who has different groups of boys on each evening,—in all about one hundred and fifty; and a little flat in a near-by tenement, managed by an uptown friend in coöperation with a committee of the Household Economic Association, where the classes in housekeeping are held.

L. D. W.

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ST. MARY'S ALUMNÆ

THE quarterly meeting of St. Mary's Alumnæ Association was held January 19, at four-thirty P.M., at St. Mary's Hospital. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions on the death of Miss Anna McInerny, who died in St. Mary's Hospital December 18, copies to be sent to the JOURNAL OF NURSING and relatives.

The officers elected for the present year are as follows: President, Miss N. Hughes; first vice-president, Miss C. C. Macdonell; second vice-president, Miss A. Staley; secretary, Miss G. Macdonell; treasurer, Miss J. Brock.

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MT. SINAI ALUMNÆ

THE Mt. Sinai Alumnæ Association held its annual meeting at the Training-School on Thursday, January 2, 1902.

Meetings, which are partly social, are held monthly, from October until June. The directors have held two special meetings for the transaction of business. We feel that while the past year has not been without its trying times, it has, upon the whole, been a successful one, because we have accomplished some of the things for which we have been striving.

We all feel that working for an object makes it dear to one's heart, and we cordially welcome our new directors to share our pleasures and responsibilities.

The following are the newly elected officers: President, Miss Frida L. Hartman; vice-president, Miss Esther M. Walters; recording secretary, Miss Susie A. Barden; corresponding secretary, Miss Jane H. Ryerson; treasurer, Miss Jean Campbell.

245 West Fourteenth Street.

JANE H. RYERSON,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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NEW JERSEY STATE MEETING

A MEETING of the New Jersey State Nurses' Association will be held at Cooper Hospital, Camden, N. J., Wednesday, February 12, at two-forty-five P.M. All members are urged to be present, as the completed constitution will be presented for adoption.

E. FAHRINGER,  
Secretary.

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MARRIAGES

MARRIED.—At Newark, O., December 26, 1901, Miss Elizabeth Ares, graduate of the Cleveland Homœopathic Training-School, to Dr. Williard Smith. Doctor and Mrs. Smith will reside in Oregon.

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OBITUARY

THE Alumnæ Association of Trained Nurses of the Long Island College Hospital have learned with profound regret and with deep sorrow of the death of their associate, Miss Kathrine McLean. In their sorrow they are cheered by the thought that she was faithful unto death, and that her last work was one of love and help to those who were well-nigh helpless. Called to minister to her own in their illness, she learned that others were in dire distress, and with a heart full of sympathy she left one port of duty and repaired to another. There the Master found her doing His work, and He called her home.

We extend to the bereaved ones our loving sympathy and sincere condolence, and assure them that we remember our associate with a sincere heart and are thankful for her good example. She has passed beyond our vision, but not from our love and memory. We cannot and we will not say that she is dead, she is just away.

“ With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,  
She has passed into an unknown land  
And left us dreaming how very fair  
If needs must be since she lingers there;  
Think of her still as the same, we say,  
She is not dead, she is just away.”

IDA L. SUTLIFFE,  
EMMA G. BROWN,  
MARY TWEEDALE.

At the December meeting of the Alumnæ Association of the Bellevue Hospital Training-School, New York, a committee was appointed to prepare and draft the following resolutions:

“ WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Miss Edith Boggs, matron of Nursery and Child’s Hospital, New York, and member of our Alumnæ Association; be it

“ *Resolved*, That we, the members of the Alumnæ Association, deeply regret the sudden death of our esteemed friend and active and faithful worker in the nursing profession.

“ *Resolved*, That we extend to her family expressions of deepest sympathy.

“ *Resolved*, That the above resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, be recorded upon our records, and be published in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

“ ANNIE RHODES,  
“ ALICE M. WARREN,  
“ Committee.”

DIED.—At St. Mary’s Hospital, December 18, of typhoid fever, Miss Anna McInerny, graduate of St. Mary’s Training-School, Class of 1901. She was dearly beloved and is deeply regretted by all who knew her. Her remains were taken to her home, Dundee, Ontario, Can., for interment.

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